

# FACILITIES IN KINGS CANYON PARK & USFS

## Grant Grove Area

### GRANT GROVE VILLAGE

6600' (2008 m) elevation. This was originally General Grant National Park, created in 1890 to protect sequoias from logging. Here you can see both a pristine grove & one that was logged in the 1800s.

#### INFORMATION

- **Kings Canyon Park Visitor Center (NPS):** Daily 8am-6pm through August, then 8am-5pm. Exhibits & a 15-minute movie captioned in English and Spanish. Books, maps, first aid, bear canisters. Local wilderness permits issued 8am-5:45pm (4:45pm starting 9/1). 1-559-565-4307.

#### FOOD & SHOPS (KCPS)

- **Restaurant:** Daily 7am -2pm & 5-9pm.
- **Gift Shop, Market:** Daily 8am - 9pm. Souvenirs, film, clothing, ATM. Market sells food & other supplies, sandwiches, bear canisters, & cans of emergency gasoline.

#### OTHER SERVICES

- **Camping & Lodging:** See page 10-11. Lodge front desk 7am-10pm.
- **Post Office:** Hours may change without notice. Monday-Friday 9am -3:30 pm; Saturday 10 -noon. Lobby open 24 hours. Send mail for visitors to: c/o General Delivery, Kings Canyon NP, CA 93633. 1-559-335-2499.
- **Stables - Horseback Riding:** Details on page 3.
- **Pay Telephones:** Available 24 hours at Kings Canyon Visitor Center (booth by front door); & outside gift shop, market, & post office. Cell phone signals are usually poor.
- **Showers:** 11am -4pm. Pay at the registration desk in the village.

## In the Kings Canyon

### CEDAR GROVE VILLAGE

4600' (1410 m) elevation. This glaciated valley features towering granite cliffs, tumbling waterfalls, and the powerful Kings River — “a rival to the Yosemite,” according to John Muir.

#### INFORMATION

- **Visitor Center (NPS):** Daily 9am-5pm through 9/1. Books, maps, first aid, bear canisters. 1-559-565-3793.
- **Wilderness Permits (NPS):** At Road's End, 6 miles (9.6km) east of the village, open 7am -3pm daily. No permits issued after 2:45pm. Maps, bear canisters.

#### FOOD, LODGING & SHOPS (KCPS)

- **Restaurant:** Counter-service meals & snack bar; not a full-service restaurant. Daily 7am-2pm & 5-9pm. Lunch supplies at market.
- **Gift Shop & Market:** Salads, sandwiches, supplies, bear canisters, souvenirs, film. Daily 7am-9pm.

#### OTHER SERVICES

- **Camping & Lodging:** See page 10-11. Lodge front desk 8am-7pm.
- **Showers:** 7am-1pm & 3-7pm.
- **Pay Telephones:** At restaurant/market & visitor center. No cell signal.
- **Horseback Riding:** Details on page 3.

### Where to Pay Your Entrance Fee

Go to the entrance station at the Big Stump area of Grant Grove, just off Highway 180.

Please stop there to purchase or show your pass. One fee is good for visiting *both* parks *and* the forest!

## USFS: National Forest & Monument

### HUME LAKE & BIG MEADOWS AREAS (FS)

Giant Sequoia National Monument, part of Sequoia National Forest, borders much of the western edge of these National Parks. You are in the National Forest when you drive between the park areas of Lodgepole and Grant Grove, and between Grant Grove and Cedar Grove (see page 2 for more on Parks and Forests). Sold to the government as a Forest Reserve in 1935, it is an excellent place to see sequoias recovering from intensive logging in the late 1800s.

#### PAY TELEPHONES (cell-phone signals are usually poor):

- **Between Wuksachi Village & Grant Grove:** Summer only at Stony Creek Resort & Big Meadows trailhead.
- **Between Grant Grove & Cedar Grove:** Hume Lake (year round; see *Hume Lake* below); Kings Canyon Lodge (summer only).

#### INFORMATION

- **USFS Hume Lake District Office (FS):** 35860 Kings Canyon Road (Hwy 180) in Dunlap, 19 miles (31 km) west of Kings Canyon park entrance at Big Stump. Open 1st Saturday of the month through September, 8am-4:30pm. Maps & books sold. 1-559-338-2251; [www.fs.fed.us/r5/sequoia](http://www.fs.fed.us/r5/sequoia).

#### LODGING & OTHER SERVICES

- **Camping (FS) & Lodging (private):** See pages 10 & 11.
- **Montecito Lake Resort (FS permittee):** Open all year. A resort on public land. On Generals Highway 9 miles (14.5km) south of Grant Grove. Breakfast 7:30-9am, lunch 12-1:30pm, dinner 5:30-7pm. Cabins, hotel, children's activities. 800-227-9900; 1-559-565-3388.
- **Hume Lake:** Year-round private facilities open to public: **24-hour laundry** (coin-operated) & **gas station** (with credit card). **Market & snack shop.** North of Grant Grove 8 miles (13km) on Hwy 180, then south on Hume Lake Road 3 miles (5km). 1-559-335-2000.
- **Boyden Cavern:** On Highway 180 between Grant Grove & Cedar Grove. Daily tours on the hour 10am-5pm. Gift shop. Ask about evening flashlight tours & guided canyoneering trips. Ages 13 & up \$12.50; 3-12 \$7.50; AAA & seniors 10% discount. Schools & other groups call 1-559-338-0959.
- **Stony Creek Village (FS):** On Generals Highway south of Grant Grove. Market, restaurant 7am-8pm Sunday-Thursday, weekends 7am-9pm. Showers/laundry 10am-4pm. Gasoline 24 hours with credit card. Lodging. 1-866-KCANYON; 1-559-565-3909.
- **Big Meadows Cabin (FS)** historic guard station: See page 10.

#### GASOLINE SALES on FOREST LANDS

- At Hume Lake year-round; at Stony Creek and Kings Canyon Lodge summer only. See page 3 for hours.

## FREE NATURE PROGRAMS

Check local bulletin boards and visitor centers for times, topics, and additional programs!

### GRANT GROVE

**Grant Tree Walks** - Daily 2pm; 1-hour walk. Meet at the start of the Grant Tree Trail (paved).

**Evening Programs** - Nightly at Sunset Amphitheater. Start time varies.

**Ranger's Choice** - Daily 4pm; 1/2-hour talk or short walk. Meet in front of Kings Canyon Visitor Center.

**Celebrate Sequoias Festival** - 10th annual! Saturday, September 6<sup>th</sup>. Special activities.

### CEDAR GROVE

**Zumwalt Meadow Meander** - Usually daily; 1-1/2-hour walk. Meet at the start of the Grant Tree Trail (paved).

**Evening Campfire Programs** - Friday, Saturday, Sunday at Amphitheater next to visitor center.

**Kanawyer's Mine & Resort Walk** - Meet at Road's End.

**Kings River Clean-up** - Saturday, September 27<sup>th</sup>. <http://sfkingsriver.org>

